

Evening Brief

Date: Saturday July 4th, 2020

Weather Summary

***** High Risk for Windy/Dry Weather over Central and Western Areas of the Great Basin Most of Next Week *****

Breezy and dry weather all next week.... Quiet weather with light winds expected Sunday, with winds beginning to strengthen across the central and western portions of the Great Basin on Monday, with stronger winds Tuesday. However, gusty afternoon winds and low RH with dry conditions are expected across the southern 2/3 of the area each day through all of next week. A High Risk for windy/dry conditions has been issued for Monday through Thursday for parts of Nevada, Utah and the AZ Strip next week, but gusty winds may very well continue into next weekend. Wind speeds will fluctuate some each day next week, so stay tuned as to which days will be stronger than others.

It is of significant concern that an extended period of dry, windy weather will follow recent lightning. In addition, these conditions will significantly dry out fuels further across all of the Great Basin next week. Daytime RH will drop into the single digits over most of NV/UT/AZ Strip next week with only poor to moderate overnight RH recovery.

Preparedness Levels & Great Basin Fire Activity (from WFDSS)

Great Basin	PL 3	Light Initial Attack Activity
National	PL 3	New Fires and Acres: 26 fires 1,034.2 acres; 45 acres large fire growth

Fuels/Fire Potential

Unseasonably cool and wet weather across the northern part of the Great Basin has resulted in higher fuel moisture and lower ERCs than are atypical for the time of year. However, pockets of south central Idaho have received little precipitation, and it's in these areas that fuels are much drier than surrounding areas and larger fires continue to pop up.

South of the I-80 corridor, precipitation has been much sparser and the brief effects of cooler temperatures and higher humidity were more temporary. Fuels south of the highway 50 corridor have remained critical and will continue to support ignitions and large fire growth during windy afternoon periods, or with dry lightning.

Across lower elevations, grasses are mostly cured below 6000 ft in southern Idaho and at all elevations further south. Some new grass growth may be emerging in areas that have received over an inch of precipitation the past 3 weeks, namely northeast Nevada, far northern Utah and much of southern Idaho.

Sagebrush moisture in the northern portion of the Great Basin is generally above normal and above the 120% threshold. However, across the central and southern portion of the area sagebrush moisture is at or below normal for the time of year.

Resources:

Aviation within the Great Basin

- 1 VLAT, 4 LATs, 2 Scoopers
- 20 SEATs
- 7 Type 1 Helicopters / 6 Comm.
- 7 Type 2 Helicopters / 6 Comm.
- 16 Type 3 Helicopters

Crews Committed within the Great Basin

- 20 IHCs Committed / 2 Avail.
- 28 T-2 IAs Committed / 8 Avail.

Current Incident Details

Today's Activity (from WFDSS):

Incident Name	Unique Fire Identifier	Size	Status	Latitude	Longitude	Pt. Of Origin Sage Grouse Habitat
* Oak Spring	2020-UTFIF-200270	0.1	Not Contained	38.69765	112.2089	NO
* Soldier Pass 2	2020-UTNWS-000409	118	Not Contained	40.17205	111.9579	NO
* FROZEN	2020-NVSND-500765	0.1	Controlled 07/03/20	36.43892	114.9641	NO
* FOOTHILLS 1	2020-NVLCL-500766	0.1	Controlled 07/04/20	36.01009	114.9185	NO
* Warner	2020-UTSWS-000359	1	Controlled 07/03/20	37.03917	113.4505	NO
* MM 60 I15	2020-UTSWS-000357	0.1	Controlled 07/03/20	37.69806	113.0752	NO
* Lava	2020-UTRID-200272	3.6	Contained 07/23/20	38.91281	112.531	NO
* Pahoon Springs Wash	2020-UTSPA-000360	0.1	Controlled 07/03/20	37.20128	113.7968	NO
* STARVATION BRIDGE	2020-UTNES-100173	0.1	Out 07/03/20	40.17374	110.4919	NO
* South Fork	2020-UTMOD-000138	1.7	Contained 07/04/20	39.63181	110.9568	GHMA
* RATTLE	2020-IDBOD-000371	18	Not Contained	42.97601	115.7938	NO
* FOOTHILLS 2	2020-NVLCL-500769	0.1	Controlled 07/04/20	36.00945	114.9173	NO
CCFD 6 - BROADBENT	2020-NVCLRX-500773	0.1	Not Contained	36.09086	114.9864	NO
MILE MARKER 25	2020-NVSND-500776	0.1	Controlled 07/04/20	35.53823	114.9059	NO
Little Creek	2020-NVECFX-010114	0.5	Controlled 07/04/20	40.87674	115.7664	GHMA
MM 338	2020-NVECFX-010115	0.1	Controlled 07/04/20	41.08586	115.2	GHMA
HOT	2020-IDBOD-000372	12	Controlled 07/04/20	43.1361	115.5919	GHMA
Sage	2020-NVNLCX-030384	0.1	Not Contained	39.5741	119.2747	NO
Clinton Landing	2020-UTNWS-000412	3.3	Contained 07/04/20	40.69274	112.258	NO
Lund	2020-UTSWS-000365	837	Not Contained	37.95961	113.4827	NO
LONE TREE	2020-UTNES-100174	0.3	Controlled 07/04/20	40.1959	110.1359	NO
IA 1	2020-ID1BN-000042	2	Not Contained	42.88757	112.4037	NO
Sulphur	2020-UTMOD-000141	30	Contained 07/04/20	39.08947	109.2038	NO
County Line Road	2020-IDIFD-000043	4.4	Controlled 07/04/20	43.02161	113.0077	GHMA
Iosepa	2020-UTNWS-000414	1	Not Contained	40.542	112.7335	NO
JENN	2020-IDBOD-000374	0.3	Not Contained	43.83986	116.6176	NO

* Fires occurred previous night, not today

For additional information go to: [Great Basin Coordination Center Web Site](#)